



## **10 Downing Street hosts a reception to give thanks to the supporters of the Anne Frank Trust**

A gracious reception was held at 10 Downing Street on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> July in order to give thanks to the key supporters of the Anne Frank Trust UK.

Hosted by Samantha Cameron the reception was attended by patrons, trustees, benefactors, Anne Frank Ambassadors, teachers from schools that the Trust works with and staff from the Anne Frank Trust.

Mrs Cameron warmly spoke about Anne Frank's Diary and how it is clearly still having an impact on young people today.

Amongst the 120 guests were award winning actress Naomie Harris, Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe and Ronald Leopold, the Director of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.

The reception fell between two significant anniversaries – that of the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Anne Frank on 12<sup>th</sup> June and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrest of the Anne Frank family on 4<sup>th</sup> August allowing for reflection on the 'what might of beens' of Anne Frank's life.

The event provided the opportunity for supporters to liaise with the Anne Frank Trust staff and Anne Frank Ambassadors. Teachers whose schools greatly benefit from the work of the Trust highly praised the impact the charity has on attitudes of young people.

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## **About the Charity:**

On her 13th birthday Anne Frank was given a diary in which she recorded her thoughts and feelings before and whilst in hiding. Following Anne's death in Bergen-Belsen in 1945, her father, Otto Frank, chose to publish her diary in order to help challenge the hatred that had killed his daughters.

Founded in 1990, the Anne Frank Trust UK uses Anne's life and inspirational message as an anchor to educate people about damage caused by all forms of prejudice and discrimination. The Trust enters the lives of young people across the country when they are likely to be at their most vulnerable and impressionable and imbues in them the importance of positive attitudes, personal responsibility and respect for others.

We do this through educational projects in schools, prisons and communities across the UK.

*Anne Frank was a sparkling and intelligent teenager whose life was cut cruelly short by murderous racial hatred. The Anne Frank Trust, the British educational organisation that proudly bears Anne's name, has been imparting her vision of a more just and humane world to thousands of young people per year, inspiring them to become active responsible individuals. From its humble beginnings, our work now reaches several regions across the UK, but we know that there is more, so much more to do.* **Gillian Walnes MBE, Co Founder and Executive Director**